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1. DEPT. WEIGHING POSSIBLE SOURCES OF U.S. FUNDS TO CONTRIBUTE TO ICEM FOR ITS LONG-ESTABLISHED REFUGEE TRAVEL LOAN PROCEDURES TO COVER ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED MOVEMENT OF 11,400 CUBAN REFUGEES IN 1974 RESULTING FROM U.S. PAROLE PROGRAM, WHICH ARE NOT PROVIDED FOR IN ICEM'S CURRENT 1974 BUDGET.

2. THESE INCLUDE: (1) UTILIZATION OF 255,000 DOLS. IN US SPECIAL ACCOUNT NO. 1 OF ICEM REFUGEE LOAN FUND, AS SUGGESTED BY US MISSION. DOES MISSION PERCEIVE ANY OBJECTION TO UTILIZATION OF FUNDS IN THIS ACCOUNT? (2) DIVERSION OF PART OF U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO SECTION III AND UTILIZING SALVAGED FUNDS FOR SECTION II CUBAN REFUGEE MOVEMENT, DE-

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PENDING UPON THE EXTENT TO WHICH SECTION III IS ABLE TO

WITHSTAND IMPACT OF CUT IN U.S. CONTRIBUTION.

3. MISSION SHOULD INFORM ICEM IN ANY PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS AND IN SCBF THAT WE ARE CONSIDERING USE OF FOREGOING RESOURCES AS PART OF OUR CONTRIBUTION. IN PURSUING SUBJECT FURTHER, HOWEVER, WE WILL NEED MORE PRECISE INFORMATION, INCLUDING THAT DEVELOPED IN COURSE SCBF

MEETING, CONCERNING BASIS 1,600,000 DOLS. ESTIMATED REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL 11,400 MOVEMENT. (THIS IS 140 DOL. PER MOVEMENT, HIGHER THAN EARLIER ESTIMATE IN REF B). HAVE ANY LOAN PREPAYMENTS BEEN TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN ARRIVING AT ICEM ESTIMATES? HOW MUCH PER CAPITA MIGHT SPAIN BE ABLE TO PAY ON THIS ADDITIONAL MOVEMENT? CAN WE ASSUME THAT MOVEMENTS EX-MADRID WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY LOWER IN 1975 BECAUSE OF ACCELERATED MOVEMENT IN 1974? ARE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM GOVERNMENTS OTHER THAN SPAIN AND U.S. ANTICIPATED?

4. PLEASE PROVIDE BREAKDOWN OF RESOURCES AND EXPENDITURES RELATING TO A TYPICAL 140 DOL. (OR LOWER) MOVEMENT FIGURE. WE ARE TOLD ICEM PRESENTLY CHARGES TRAVELER IN FORM TRAVEL LOAN 110 DOL MADRID/NEW YORK, 155 DOLS. MADRID/MIAMI OR SAN JUAN; THAT 75 PERCENT TRAVEL MADRID/NEW YORK AND 25 PERCENT MADRID/MIAMI OR SAN JUAN. WHAT IS COMPARATIVE CASELOAD AMONG CRS, IRC, CWS?

5. WE ARE GREATLY PLEASED THAT ICEM IS ABLE TO ATTRACT THE COOPERATION OF PRIVATE FUND RAISING EFFORTS ON BEHALF OF MOVEMENT OF THESE REFUGEES. S/R HAS ALSO BEEN IN TOUCH WITH JOSE M. CASANOVA WHO IS HEADING THE GROUP AND IS ENCOURAGING THEIR EFFORTS. SUCH PRIVATE RESOURCES, ADDED TO GOVERNMENT FUNDS AND POSSIBLE PREPAYMENTS BY REFUGEES THEMSELVES, SHOULD HELP KEEP FINANCIAL PROBLEM WITHIN REASONABLE BOUNDS. KISSINGER

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